

When a dearth of grain threatened Rome, Cicero secured for Pompey an extraordinary commission with full power for 6 years over all the food supply of Rome and over all ports of trade. Pompey again acquitted himself well, but the constitution of the Republic suffered another blow, and Government by man continued to

replace government by laws.

57BC

Caesar claimed that the Nervii were 'almost annihilated' by their defeat in 57BC and the survivors of that defeat said that scarcely 500 men capable of bearing arms remained

57BC

When Cato the Younger returned from Cyprus  
he supported his brother-in-law  
LUCIUS DOMITIUS AHE NOBARBUS for  
Consul and ran for praetorship in  
56-55BC

57 BC

Exile was painful for Cicero but  
Clodius soon overplayed his hand at  
Rome and Cicero was recalled  
in 57 BC.

57Bc

Clodius overcome with success, now attacked both Pompey & Caesar, and planned to make himself sole leader of the plebs. Pompey retaliated by supporting the petition of Cicero's brother QUINTUS for the orator's recall. The Senate appealed to all Roman citizens in Italy to come to the capital and vote on the proposal. Clodius brought an armed gang into the field of Mars to supervise the balloting, and Pompey engaged a needy

aristocrat ANNIVS MILO, to organize a  
rival band. Riot and bloodshed ensued,  
many men were killed, and QUINTUS barely  
escaped with his life. But the measure  
carried and after months of exile Cicero  
returned in triumph to Italy.

Caesar lent Cicero large sums to recoup  
his finances and refused to take interest. For  
several years then Cicero became the advocate  
of the TRIUMVIRS in the Senate.

576C

Upon CATO's return from his brilliant reorganization of Cyprian affairs, the conservatives re-formed their lines.

CLODIUS, now the enemy of POMPEY accepted the invitation of the aristocracy to lend it the assistance of his popularity and his troops



57BC

Return of Cicero.

Caesar defeated BELGAE

57 BC

What are now northern France  
and Belgium fell to Caesar's  
troops